

SIXTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION CHECK-LIST OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS.

BY ORDER of the Council of the American Ornithologists' Union the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds has prepared the following report on the species, subspecies, and changes of nomenclature proposed during the year ending November, 1893, forming the Sixth Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-List. The Committee met in Cambridge, Nov. 21-23, 1893, with the following members present: Allen, Brewster, and Merriam. On all but one question the vote was unanimous.

The numbers at the left of the scientific names facilitate collation with the Check-List. The interpolated species and subspecies are numbered in accordance with the provision made therefor in the Code of Nomenclature (p. 14, last paragraph).

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I. ADDITIONS.

305 *a.* ***Tympanuchus americanus attwateri*** (BENDIRE).

Attwater's Prairie Hen.

Tympanuchus attwateri BENDIRE, Forest and Stream, XL, No. 20, May 18, 1893, 425.

Tympanuchus americanus attwateri BENDIRE, MS.

[B 464, *part*, C 384, *part*, R 477, *part*, C 563, *part*.]

HAB. Coast region of Louisiana and Texas.

373 *g.* ***Megascops asio aikenii*** BREWST.

Aiken's Screech Owl.

Megascops asio aikeni BREWST., Auk, VIII, April, 1891, 139.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. Plains, El Paso County, Colorado, south probably to central New Mexico and northwestern Arizona.

373 *h.* *Megascops asio macfarlanei* BREWST.

MacFarlane's Screech Owl.

Megascops asio macfarlanei BREWST., Auk, VIII, April, 1891, 140.

[B 49, *part*, C 318, *part*, R 402, *part*, C 465, *part*.]

HAB. East of the Cascades in Washington, interior of southern British Columbia, and eastward into Montana.

567 *d.* *Junco hyemalis pinosus* LOOMIS.

Point Pinos Junco.

Junco pinosus LOOMIS, Auk, X, April, 1893, 47.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. Vicinity of Monterey, California.

725 *c.* *Cistothorus palustris griseus* BREWST.

Worthington's Marsh Wren.

Cistothorus palustris griseus BREWST., Auk, X, July, 1893, 216.

[B 268, *part*, C 51, *part*, R 67, *part*, C 79, *part*.]

HAB. Coast region of South Carolina and Georgia.

740 *b.* *Parus hudsonicus columbianus* RHOADS.

Columbian Chickadee.

Parus hudsonicus columbianus RHOADS, Auk, X, Jan. 1893, 23.

[B 296, *part*, C 33, *part*, R 45, *part*, C 49, *part*.]

HAB. Rocky Mountains, from the Liard River south into Montana.

II. CHANGES OF NOMENCLATURE.

320. *Columbigallina passerina* (LINN.). This becomes *Columbigallina passerina terrestris* CHAPM.

Columbigallina passerina terrestris CHAPMAN, Bull. Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., IV, 1892, 292.

The type of *C. passerina* came from the Island of Jamaica and is subspecifically separable from the bird of the southeastern United States.

341. **Buteo albicaudatus** VIEILL. This becomes

341. **Buteo albicaudatus sennetti** ALLEN.

Sennett's White-tailed Hawk.

Buteo albicaudatus sennetti ALLEN, Bull. Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., V, 1893, 144.

HAB. Rio Grande Valley, Texas, and southward into Mexico.

417 a. **Antrostomus vociferus arizonæ** BREWST. This becomes

Antrostomus vociferus macromystax (WAGLER).

Caprimulgus macromystax WAGLER, Ibis, 1831, 533.

Caprimulgus vociferus macromystax HARTERT, Ibis, 1892, 286.

Cf. HARTERT, l. c.

494 a. **Dolichonyx oryzivorus albinucha** RIDGW. This becomes a synonym of *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* (LINN.). (Cf. CHAPMAN, Auk, X, Oct. 1893, 311.)

GENUS **Campylorhynchus** SPIX (p. 325). This becomes

GENUS **Heleodytes** CABANIS.

Heleodytes CABANIS, Mus. Hein. I, 1850, 80. Type *Furnarius griseus* SWAIN.

Campylorhynchus SPIX, 1824, is preoccupied in Coleoptera by *Campylirhynchus* MEGERLE, 1821. (Cf. PALMER, Auk, X, Jan. 1893, 86.) Hence Nos. 713 and 714 will stand as follows:—

713. **Heleodytes brunneicapillus** (LAFR.).

714. **Heleodytes affinis** (XANTUS).

III. FORMS CONSIDERED AS NOT ENTITLED TO
RECOGNITION.

Megascops asio saturatus BREWST., Auk, VIII, April, 1891,
141.

Considered as a synonym of *Megascops asio kennicottii* (ELLIOT), the range of variation in a large series of specimens of *M. a. saturatus* covering all of the alleged distinctive features of the supposed unique type of *M. a. kennicottii*, the range of which latter is now extended southward over the supposed habitat of *M. a. saturatus*.

Parus hudsonicus ungava RHOADS, Auk, X, Oct., 1893, 328.

Considered as not separable from *Parus hudsonicus* FORST., owing to the insufficiency of the alleged characters. It was tentatively proposed, and confessedly without comparison with specimens of *P. hudsonicus* from any point near the type locality of the species.

Parus hudsonicus evura COUES (Key N. Am. Birds, 1884, 267). (Cf. RHOADS, Auk, X, Oct., 1893, 331.)

Considered as inseparable from *Parus hudsonicus* FORST.

IV. PROPOSED CHANGES OF NOMENCLATURE
REJECTED.

Conuropsis vs. *Conurus*, and hence *Conuropsis carolinensis* vs. *Conurus carolinensis*. (Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. XX, 1891, 203.)

The type of *Conurus* (LESSON ex Kuhl) is considered to be *Psittacus carolinensis* Gm., as originally determined by the A. O. U. Committee by the principle of elimination (cf. Canon XXIV, A. O. U. Code of Nomenclature). *Conuropsis* SALVADORI, based on this species, becomes therefore a synonym of *Conurus*.

Corvus americanus caurinus (BD.) vs. *Corvus caurinus* BD.
(Cf. RHOADS, Auk, X, Jan. 1893, 18-21.)

The proposed change was not considered expedient, the case being deemed not well enough understood to warrant any change.

Melospiza lincolni (AUD.) vs. *Melospiza lincolni striata* BREWST. (Cf. RHOADS, Auk, X, Jan. 1893, 21; Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila. 1893, 51.)

The proposed change was not adopted, *M. l. striata* being considered as entitled to recognition as a local northwest-coast form.

Vireo gilvus swainsoni (BD.) vs. *Vireo gilvus* (Vieill.). (Cf. RHOADS, Auk, X, Jan. 1893, 21; Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila. 1893, 53.)

The type of *Vireo swainsoni* BD. came from Petaluma, California, instead of from Steilacoom, Washington, as represented (l. c.). Furthermore, in view of the instability of the *Vireo gilvus* group as represented in different parts of North America, and the tendency to development of slightly differentiated local forms, it was deemed unnecessary to recognize any of them in nomenclature.

Sylvania pusilla (WILS.) vs. *Sylvania pusilla pileolata* (PALL.). (Cf. RHOADS, Auk, X, Jan. 1893, 23; Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila. 1893, 55.)

The proposed change was not considered necessary, the material submitted to the Committee showing that true *Sylvania pusilla* is found in Vancouver Island.

V. ACTION DEFERRED.

Final action on the following was deferred.

Leptoptila brachyptera (SALVADORI ex GRAY) vs. *Engyptila albifrons* (BONAP.). (Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. XXI, 1893, 545.)

Owing to complications of synonymatic and other questions involved, final decision was deferred.

Chordeiles acutipennis texensis (LAWR.) *vs.* *Chordeiles texensis* LAWR. (Cf. HARTERT, Cat. Birds Brit. Mus. XVI, 1892, 616.)

Deferred for later consideration, owing to lack of material for examination.

Icterus gularis yucatanensis BERLEPSCH. (Cf. BENDIRE, Auk, X, Oct. 1893, 366.)

While there is no doubt of the capture of specimens as alleged, nor of the correctness of the identification, final action was deferred pending further investigations as to the possibility of their introduction through man's agency.

Vireo huttoni obscurus ANTHONY (Zoe, Dec. 1890, 307. Cf. also RHOADS, Auk, X, July, 1893, 239).

Deferred for later consideration, owing to lack of material for examination.

Vireo huttoni insularis RHOADS (Auk, X, July, 1893, 239).

Deferred for later consideration, owing to lack of sufficient material for examination.

ELEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

THE ELEVENTH CONGRESS of the American Ornithologists' Union was held in Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 20-23, 1893. The three days' open session of the Union were preceded by a business meeting held at the residence of Mr. C. F. Batchelder on the evening of November 20. The open session, to which the public was invited, was held in the Nash Lecture-room of the Harvard University Museum.

BUSINESS SESSION.—In the absence of the President, Dr. Elliott Coues, who was unfortunately unavoidably detained in the West, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President William